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OF AMBASSADOR KOMER TO BONN APRIL 12-13

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1. WE BELIEVE APRIL 12-13 PROPOSED DISCUSSIONS BY AMBAS-
SADOR KOMER IN BONN (REF A) WOULD PROBABLY FALL TOO LATE
FOR ANY SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON FORMAL FRG POSITIONS AT
EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP (EWG) MEETING TENTATIVELY SET FOR
APRIL 13. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF IMPORTANCE OF FRG TO THE
LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM (LTDP), SUCH DISCUSSIONS COULD
SERVE THE USEFUL PURPOSES OF (A) INFLUENCING THE TONE AND
TEMPER OF FRG EXPRESSIONS OF VIEW AT THE APRIL 13 EWG, AND
(B) INFLUENCING THE REFINEMENT OF FRG POSITIONS IN THE WAKE
OF THE APRIL 13 EWG.

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2. WE THEREFORE FAVOR THE PROPOSED DISCUSSIONS. IF THEY
EVENTUATE, WE RECOMMEND BEARING IN MIND (REF B) THE FRG
DEFENSE ADVISOR'S VIEW THAT PRESSURING NATIONS, INCLUDING
THE FRG, TOO HARD DURING THE WEEKS AHEAD COULD RISK PRO-
VOKING COUNTERPRODUCTIVE REACTIONS.

3. IF BONN MEETING IS AGREED, MISSION DEFENSE ADVISOR
LEGERE COULD JOIN AMBASSADOR KOMER IN BONN ON MORNING OF
APRIL 12. HE WOULD HAVE TO LEAVE ON THE EVENING OF THAT
DAY SO AS TO BE IN BRUSSELS FOR THE FULL DAY OF APRIL 13,
THE DAY OF THE EWG MEETING. BENNETT

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